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*Removal of untouchability in Malabar.*

* 133 *Q.*—Sri O. KORAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for the removal of untouchability and other civil disabilities of Harijans in this State and the quota allotted to Malabar district by the State Government;

(*b*) whether the Government have received a copy of any resolution passed by the Harijan Sevak Sangh, Malabar, in connexion with the allotment of this amount; and

(*c*) for what purposes this amount is proposed to be spent by the Government?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Rs. 1,99,000. No districtwar allotment has yet been made.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."

Sri O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, how the amount is going to be distributed among the various districts in the State, whether it is going to be distributed according to the population of Harijans in each district or on any other basis? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I have already said, Sir, that no districtwar allotment has yet been made."

Sri E. T. KUNHAN :—" സാർ, സെൻട്രൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ടി നീക്കിവച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു തുല്യാവകാശം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ ജനസംഖ്യത്തോതനുസരിച്ച് അവിടത്തെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിക്കത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽ വിതരണം ചെയ്യാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" Will the Hon. Minister kindly see that when the amount is spent, Malabar is taken into consideration and the amount spent is in proportion to the population of Harijans there, as it is seen from experience that the amount allotted and spent in Malabar is not at all in proportion to the population of Harijans in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am sorry, I am unable to give a categorical answer that the amount will be spent on a population basis. However, due consideration will be given for Malabar."

Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" இந்தத் தொகை ஹரிஜன அபிவிருத்தி வேலைக்கு செலவிடப்படுமா அல்லது தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்பு வேலைக்குச் செலவிடப்படுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I think it is all inter-related, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, our State Government has set apart a large sum of money, about Rs. 80 lakhs, for the uplift of Harijans, and the Central Government has allotted only Rs. 1 lakh which is a tantalisingly negligible fraction when compared

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with the provision made by this Government. Will the State Government, therefore, take proper steps to bring reasonable pressure upon the Central Government to allot a larger sum?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, this allotment is in respect of a specific scheme for abolition of untouchability. The Government are drawing up a scheme and will put it through. If the scheme is properly worked and found successful, no doubt, this Government would put more pressure on the Central Government and get more allotment."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have got any scheme to spend this amount?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir. A scheme has been prepared and the same has been submitted to the Central Government for their approval."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to spend the amount through non-official agencies like the Harijan Sevak Sangh or through the Department of the Government, namely, the Harijan Welfare Department?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, the matter has put before the State Harijan Welfare Committee and that Committee has passed a resolution that the scheme should be put through by the Government."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister to a supplementary question, I want to know whether he will be pleased to say on what basis the amount is to be spent—whether it is going to be spent on a districtwar basis or on Harijan population basis in each district. Will the Hon. Minister give a definite answer?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, I said a certain scheme has been drawn up. It will, of course, cover the whole State. At present, I am not in a position to say what amounts will be allotted to particular districts."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to say, Sir, that a scheme has been submitted to the Central Government. Will he be pleased to take this House into confidence and give us the main features of the Scheme he has submitted to the Central Government?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter has been referred to the Central Government, Sir, for their approval. Before their approval, I am afraid, it may not be in good taste to take this House into confidence."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" தீண்டாமையை ஒழிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் எந்தெந்த திட்டங்களை வகுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? ஏற்கனவே, ஆலயப்பிரவேசம் நடந்ததே. அந்த ஆலயங்களில் இப்பொழுது ஹரிஜனங்களை விட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ?"

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put. The question under reference has nothing to do with temple entry."

*Paper mills in the State.*

* 134 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of paper mills in the Composite and the Residuary Madras State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of paper mills in the Composite Madras State was two. The Andhra Paper Mill, Rajahmundry and the Pudukottai Paper Mills, Pudukottai. The number of paper mills in the present Madras State is one, viz., the Pudukkottai Paper Mill, Pudukottai."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to open any more paper mills in this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, one, Sri Thiyagarajan of Madurai has applied for licence to erect a paper mill in Papanasam in Tirunelveli district with a capacity of 800 tons with the use of ' Eta reeds ' for raw material. The application has been supported by this Government and it is under the consideration of the Government of India."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of starting paper mills wherever there are paddy straw available in large quantities and which can be used as raw material? The price of paddy straw is very low now."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the Government do not think it proper that they should start paper mills. But if any private individual comes forward with a proposal that he is prepared to start one in the area referred to by the hon. Member we shall consider it favourably."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, may I know the proportion of paper manufactured and supplied by the Paper Mill at Pudukottai with reference to the whole demand of this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice, Sir. But I should like to say that the production of the Mill at Pudukottai is only 50 tons per month, which is absolutely insignificant, compared to the total requirements of this State."

SRI R. M. PALANIAPPAN :—" Are the two mills in the State working alright?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is only one mill in the residuary State of Madras, the Pudukottai Paper Mill. The Andhra Paper Mill, Rajahmundry, has gone to the Andhra State."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Malabar compared to other districts in the State uses the least quantity of paper which is below one pound and in view